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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

BORIS PESIN

Art Unit

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Period for Reply -- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 2/08/2010.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12, 14, 16-20 and 22-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12, 14, 16-20 and 22-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB06)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 02/08/2010.

Claims 1-12, 14, 16-20 and 22-26 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 17, and 22 are independent claims. In the amendment filed 02/08/2010, Claims 1 and 17 were amended. This action is made Final.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-12, 14, 16-20 and 22-26 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

It is unclear what the Applicant is claiming.

With regard to independent claim 1, Applicant's claim recites, "a remote user display region" two times. It is unclear whether the display device has two separate remote user display regions, or they are the same display regions. Additionally, Applicant's claim recites a "taskbar region within the display region." It is unclear which display region the Applicant is referring to, the "local user display region," or the "remote user display region." Moreover, it is unclear where the "desktop region" claimed on line 9 is located. Lastly, if the user is able to "maximize" the taskbar to use "most" of the local user display region, then it is unclear, and the specification does not adequately

make clear, what portion of the display will be sent to the remote user? The use of the words "maximize" and "most" indicate that the taskbar will cover most, if not all, of the entire screen. If that is the case, then there would be no data to send back to the viewer. Furthermore the claim language is unclear because the taskbar is "maximized," but "most" of the local user display region is used on tasks related to session control and document preview. Since the taskbar is part of the display region, how can the taskbar be "maximized" and "most" of the display region be used at the same time? In other words, if the taskbar is maximized, then it will take occupy "most" of the display region and the remaining area of the display region cannot be considered "most."

Independent claims 17 and 22 are similarly unclear. For example, claim 22 at first requires distinct areas, but then states that the toolbar region includes the sharer desktop region. As a result, the areas will not be distinct as the claim requires. Additionally, claim 22, last line, describes a "remaining portion," however, it is unclear what this remaining portion is. Further clarification is necessary.

Since the Examiner cannot deduce the scope of the claim language, no art rejection will be applied.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 02/08/2010 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The Applicant has addressed the art rejection from an action dated 12/16/2008, but has omitted a response to the 112 rejection issued in the previous rejection.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BORIS PESIN whose telephone number is (571)272-4070. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday except every other Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dennis Chow can be reached on (571)272-7767. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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